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4. *Archaic.* The source from which something arises; an originator.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *orīginālis*, from *orīgō*, *orīgin-*, source. See [origin](#).]

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adjective

1. Preceding all others in time: earliest, first, initial, maiden, pioneer, primary, prime, primordial. See start/end.
2. Arising from or going to the root or source: basal, basic, foundational, fundamental, primary, radical, ur.
3. Not derived from something else: primary, prime, primitive. See start/end.
4. Not counterfeit or copied: actual, authentic, bona fide, genuine, good, indubitable, real, true, undoubt.
5. Not the same as what was previously known or done: different, fresh, innovative, inventive, new, newf.
6. Characterized by or productive of new things or new ideas: creative, ingenious, innovative, innovatory,

noun

1. A first form from which varieties arise or imitations are made: archetype, father, master, protoplast, pr.
2. A person who is appealingly odd or curious: character, oddity. *Informal* card, oddball. See usual/unusua.

Antonyms: original

adj

Definition: earliest

Antonyms: derivative, last, latest, newest

adj

Definition: fresh, new

Antonyms: borrowed, commonplace, conventional, hackneyed, old, used, worn

n

Definition: standard, prototype

Antonyms: creation, derivative, offshoot

Word Tutor: original



IN BRIEF: Not a copy.



The only parts left of my original body are my elbows. — Phyllis Diller

Misspellings: original

Common misspelling(s) of original

- origional
- orginal

Translations: Original

Dansk (Danish)

adj. - oprindelig, original, ægte, original-, grund-

n. - original, originalværk, originalsprog, særling

idioms:

- in the original på originalsproget
- original sin arvesynden

Nederlands (Dutch)

oorspronkelijk, origineel, eerste, nieuw, oeroud, vindingrijk, oorspronkelijk stuk

Français (French)

adj. - original, originel, premier

n. - original

idioms:

- in the original dans la version originale
- original sin péché originel

Deutsch (German)

n. - Original

adj. - ursprünglich, originell, original, Ur-

idioms:

- in the original im Original
- original sin Erbsünde

Ελληνική (Greek)

n. - πρωτότυπο, πρότυπο, (καθολ.) πρωτοπαρουσιαζόμενο μοντελάκι, εκκεντρικό άτομο

adj. - (πρωτ)αρχικός, πρωτότυπος, ιδιόρρυθμος, ιδιότυπος

idioms:

- in the original στο πρωτότυπο, από το πρωτότυπο
- original sin προπατορικό αμάρτημα

Italiano (Italian)

originale, primario, primordiale, primevo

idioms:

- in the original nell'originale
- original sin peccato originale

Português (Portuguese)

n. - original (m)

adj. - original, novo, criador

idioms:

- in the original no original
- original sin pecado original

Русский (Russian)

оригинал, первоначальный, оригинальный, подлинный, своеобразный

idioms:

- in the original в подлиннике
- original sin первородный грех

Español (Spanish)

adj. - original, primero, genuino, auténtico, originario, ingenioso

n. - original

idioms:

- in the original en el original, en la primera versión
- original sin pecado original

Svenska (Swedish)

n. - original, nyskapare

adj. - ursprunglig, originell, nyskapande

中文 (简体) (Chinese (Simplified))

最初的, 独创的, 原始的, 原物, 原作

idioms:

- in the original 原著, 原作
- original sin 原罪

中文 (繁體) (Chinese (Traditional))

adj. - 最初的, 獨創的, 原始的

n. - 原物, 原作

idioms:

- in the original 原著, 原作
- original sin 原罪

한국어 (Korean)

adj. - 최초의, 독창적인

n. - 원형, 모델, 독창적인 사람, 기원

idioms:

- in the original 원문으로

日本語 (Japanese)

adj. - 最初の, 原始の, 独創的な, 奇抜な, 原作の, 独自の, 原文の

n. - 原物, 本人, 原語, 独創的な人, 変人

idioms:

- in the original 原文で
- original sin 原罪

العربية (Arabic)

(الاسم) نسخه أصليه (صفه) أصلي

עברית (Hebrew)

adj. - מקורי, ראשוני, מולד, חדש, יצירתי, בעל כושר המצאה -

n. - מקור, יצירה מקורית, דגם ראשון, לבוש המעוצב במיוחד לאוסף בגדי אופנה, אדם מיוחד או תמהוני -

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-adjective

1. belonging or pertaining to the origin or beginning of something, or to a thing at its beginning: *The book still has its original binding.*
2. new; fresh; inventive; novel: *an original way of advertising.*
3. arising or proceeding independently of anything else: *an original view of history.*
4. capable of or given to thinking or acting in an independent, creative, or individual manner: *an original thinker.*
5. created, undertaken, or presented for the first time: *to give the original performance of a string quartet.*
6. being something from which a copy, a translation, or the like is made: *The original document is in Washington.*

-noun

7. a primary form or type from which varieties are derived.
8. an original work, writing, or the like, as opposed to any copy or imitation: *The original of this is in the British Museum.*
9. the person or thing represented by a picture, description, etc.: *The original is said to have been the painter's own house.*
10. a person whose ways of thinking or acting are original: *In a field of brilliant technicians he is a true original.*
11. *Archaic.* an eccentric person.
12. *Archaic.* a source of being; an author or originator.


[Origin: 1300–50; ME < L *orīginālis* (adj.) and ML *orīgināle* original document (n. use of neut. adj.), equiv. to *orīgin-* (see [ORIGIN](#)) + *-ālis* [-AL](#)¹]

—*Synonyms* 1. primary, primordial, primeval, primitive, aboriginal. 7. archetype, pattern, prototype, model.

—*Antonyms* 7. copy.

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original (adj.)

1315, from L. *originalis*, from *originem* (nom. *origo*) "beginning, source, birth," from *oriri* "to rise" (see *orchestra*). The first ref. is in *original sin* "innate depravity of man's nature," supposed to be inherited from Adam in consequence of the Fall. The noun, in sense of "original text," is attested from c.1385, from M.L. *originale*. Of photographs, films, sound recordings, etc., from 1918. *Origin* first recorded 1563. *Originality* is first attested 1742, probably after Fr. *originalité*.

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2. something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies; "this painting is a copy of the original"

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o'riɹɪnəl¹ [ə'ri-] **adjective**

existing at the beginning; first

Example: *This part of the house is new but the rest is original.*

Arabic: أصلي، أوّلي

Chinese (Simplified): 原始的

Chinese (Traditional): 原始的

Czech: původní

Danish: oprindelig

Dutch: origineel

Estonian: algupärane

Finnish: alkuperäinen

French: originel

German: original

Greek: αρχικός,
πρωταρχικός

Hungarian: eredeti

Icelandic: upprunalegur

Indonesian: asli

Italian: originale

Japanese: 最初の

Korean: 본래의, 최초의

Latvian: oriģināls, sākotnējs

Lithuanian: koks buvo iš
pradžią, pirminis

Norwegian: opprinnelig

Polish: początkowy,
pierwotny

Portuguese (Brazil): original

Portuguese (Portugal): original

Romanian: original

Russian: исконный;
первоначальный

Slovak: pôvodný

Slovenian: prvoten

Spanish: original

Swedish: ursprunglig

Turkish: eski, orjinal

o'riɹɪnəl² [ə'ri-] **adjective**

(able to produce ideas which are) new, fresh or not thought of before

Arabic: أصيل، جديد، مبتكر
Chinese (Simplified): 有独创性的
Chinese (Traditional): 有獨創性的
Czech: originální, svérázný
Danish: original
Dutch: origineel
Estonian: omapärane
Finnish: omaperäinen
French: original
German: originell
Greek: πρωτότυπος
Hungarian: eredeti
Icelandic: frumlegur
Indonesian: orisinal
Italian: originale

Japanese: 独創的な
Korean: 독창적인, 새로운
Latvian: oriģināls, jauns, svaigs
Lithuanian: originalus
Norwegian: original, selvstendig, frisk
Polish: oryginalny
Portuguese (Brazil): original
Portuguese (Portugal): original
Romanian: original
Russian: оригинальный
Slovak: originálny
Slovenian: izviren
Spanish: original
Swedish: originell
Turkish: yaratıcı, özgün

o'original³ [ə'ri-] *adjective*

(of a painting etc) by the artist etc, from which copies may be made

Example: *The original painting is in the museum, but there are hundreds of copies.*

Arabic: أصلي
Chinese (Simplified): 原作的
Chinese (Traditional): 原作的
Czech: originální
Danish: original
Dutch: origineel
Estonian: algupärane
Finnish: alkuperäinen
French: original
German: Original...
Greek: αυθεντικός, πρωτότυπος (π.χ. για πίνακα)
Hungarian: eredeti
Icelandic: upprunalegur
Indonesian: asli
Italian: originale

Japanese: 原作の
Korean: 진작의, 원작의, 원형의
Latvian: oriģināls, autentisks, īsts
Lithuanian: autentiškas
Norwegian: original, ekte
Polish: autentyczny
Portuguese (Brazil): original
Portuguese (Portugal): original
Romanian: original
Russian: подлинный
Slovak: originálny
Slovenian: originalen
Spanish: original
Swedish: original
Turkish: original, asıl

o'original¹ [ə'ri-] *noun*

the earliest version

Example: *This is the original — all the others are copies.*

Arabic: النسخة الأصلية

Japanese: 原作

<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 原作	<i>Latvian:</i> oriģināls
<i>Czech:</i> originál	<i>Lithuanian:</i> originalas
<i>Danish:</i> original	<i>Norwegian:</i> original
<i>Dutch:</i> origineel	<i>Polish:</i> oryginal
<i>Estonian:</i> algupärane	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> original
<i>Finnish:</i> originaali	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> original
<i>French:</i> original	<i>Romanian:</i> original
<i>German:</i> das Original	<i>Russian:</i> подлинник;оригинал
<i>Greek:</i> το πρωτότυπο	<i>Slovak:</i> originál
<i>Hungarian:</i> az eredeti	<i>Slovenian:</i> izvirnik
<i>Icelandic:</i> frumgerð, frumeintak	<i>Spanish:</i> original
<i>Indonesian:</i> asli	<i>Swedish:</i> original
<i>Italian:</i> originale	<i>Turkish:</i> asıl (metin, nüsha)

o'ri·nal² [ə'ri-] *noun*

a model from which a painting etc is made

Example: *She is the original of the famous portrait.*

<i>Arabic:</i> الأصل، الشكل الأصلي	<i>Japanese:</i> モデル
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 原型	<i>Korean:</i> 본인, 실물
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<i>Dutch:</i> model	<i>Polish:</i> pierwowzór
<i>Estonian:</i> modell	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> original
<i>Finnish:</i> malli	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> original
<i>French:</i> original	<i>Romanian:</i> model original
<i>German:</i> das Original	<i>Russian:</i> прототип
<i>Greek:</i> μοντέλο (π.χ. για πίνακκα)	<i>Slovak:</i> model
<i>Hungarian:</i> az eredeti modell	<i>Slovenian:</i> original
<i>Icelandic:</i> fyrirmynd	<i>Spanish:</i> original
<i>Indonesian:</i> model	<i>Swedish:</i> förlaga, modell
<i>Italian:</i> originale	<i>Turkish:</i> model

See also: origins, originality, origin, originate

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Main Entry: **orig·i·nal**

Function: *noun*

1 : that from which a copy or reproduction is made <both parties signed the *original*> —

NOTE: A work must be an original in order to obtain a copyright. —original adjective

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original definition

origi·nal (ə rij'fī nəl)

adjective

1. having to do with an origin; first; earliest
2. never having occurred or existed before; fresh; new; novel
3. capable of or given to inventing or creating something new, or thinking or acting in an independent, individual, fresh way
4. coming from someone as the originator, maker, author, etc.
5. being that from which reproductions, copies, etc. have been made

Etymology: OFr < L *originalis*

noun

1. a pristine form or primary type that has given rise to varieties
2. an original work, as of art or literature, as distinguished from a reproduction, copy, etc.
3. the person or thing represented in a painting or the like
4.
 - a. a person with an original and creative mind
 - b. ARCHAIC an eccentric person
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Etymology: Fr < the adj.

original synonyms

original

modif.

1. Pertaining to the source

primary, primeval, primordial, rudimentary, rudimental, aboriginal, elementary, inceptive, in embryo, fundamental, protogenic, primitive, initial, beginning, commencing, starting, opening, dawning, incipient; see also first 1.

ANTONYMS late*, recent*, developed. *

2. Creative

originative, productive, causal, causative, generative, imaginative, inventive, innovative, ingenious, unconventional, constitutive, formative, demiurgic, resourceful, ready, quick, seminal, envisioning, sensitive, archetypal, inspiring, devising, conceiving, fertile, fictive, fashioning, molding.

ANTONYMS stupid*, imitative*, unproductive. *

3. Not copied

first, new, fresh, novel, earliest, initial, primary, principal, genuine, firsthand, uncopied,

underived, unused, independent, one, sole, lone, single, solitary, neoteric, authentic, pure, new-fashioned, untranslated, nonimitative, unexampled, elemental, real, absolute; see also unique 1, unusual 1, 2.

ANTONYMS imitated*, copied*, repeated. See syn. study at new.new.

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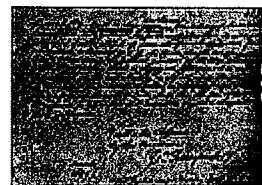
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 [master copy](#), [master](#)

 [creation](#) - an artifact that has been brought into existence by someone




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unconventional - not conforming to accepted rules or standards; "her unconventional dress and hair style"

creative, originative - having the ability or power to create; "a creative imagination"

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underived - not derived; primary or simple

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Function: *noun*

Date: 14th century

1 *archaic* : the source or cause from which something arises;

specifically : **ORIGINATOR**

2 a : that from which a copy, reproduction, or translation is made **b** : a work composed firsthand

3 a : a person of fresh initiative or inventive capacity **b** : a unique or eccentric person

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